

SHEPHERD TOOLKIT



PROMPTING

DEFINITION

PURPOSE/EFFECT

TESTIMONY/STORY

Tell a short story to introduce yourself to the assembly – this can be something lighthearted and fun, or a way you met Jesus in your life.

Rapport and trust is created between you and the assembly. They're more willing to follow if you create connection with them.

PRAISE SCHOOL

Define prayer and give clear directives to help them enter in (e.g., close your eyes, picture Jesus, extend hands with palms facing heaven).

This helps groups who are brand new to corporate worship to feel safe, learn how to pray, and enter in.

BREAK OBSTACLES

Identify an obstacle in worship (e.g., fatigue, doubt). Then break it by saying, "In the name of Jesus, I break all ____." Then use "Call Forth."

This removes the obstacle to worship through the authority of the name of Jesus. **Note:** It is important to follow immediately with "Calling Forth".

CALL FORTH

Identify a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22) that counters the obstacle and call it forth. "In the name of Jesus, I call forth a release of ____."

This brings the release of a fruit of the Spirit upon the assembly through the authority of the name of Jesus.

SCRIPTURE DECLARATION

Quote scripture for the assembly. This can be something that edifies and encourages the group. Let the power of God's Word do the work!

"The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit...able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" Heb. 4:12

PRAYER OF SALVATION

Invite the assembly to join you in praying the Prayer of Salvation (giving Jesus permission to be the center of their lives).

Jesus is actively given permission to move in their hearts and lives. This gives them a concrete moment where they know they gave Jesus their life.

GLOBAL PURPOSE STATEMENT

Connect the prayers of the assembly to a global intention (e.g., revival, end to abortion, peace in Middle East). Invite them to engage with it as well.

This both engages and unifies the assembly via an intention. Sometimes it's easier for us to pray for something outside of ourselves.

OUTPOURING/INCREASE

In the name of Jesus, call forth an outpouring or an increase of the Holy Spirit's outpouring in the room.

"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13

INVITATION TO SILENCE

Invite the assembly into a time of silence where they actively listen for and give space for God's response. Clarify how long to expect the silence (e.g., 1 min, 10 min).

God's first language is silence and necessary to hear His voice. Silence is not in opposition to corporate worship. Rather, worship music can position us to better focus and hear Him, even corporately.